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## 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time (A) 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am

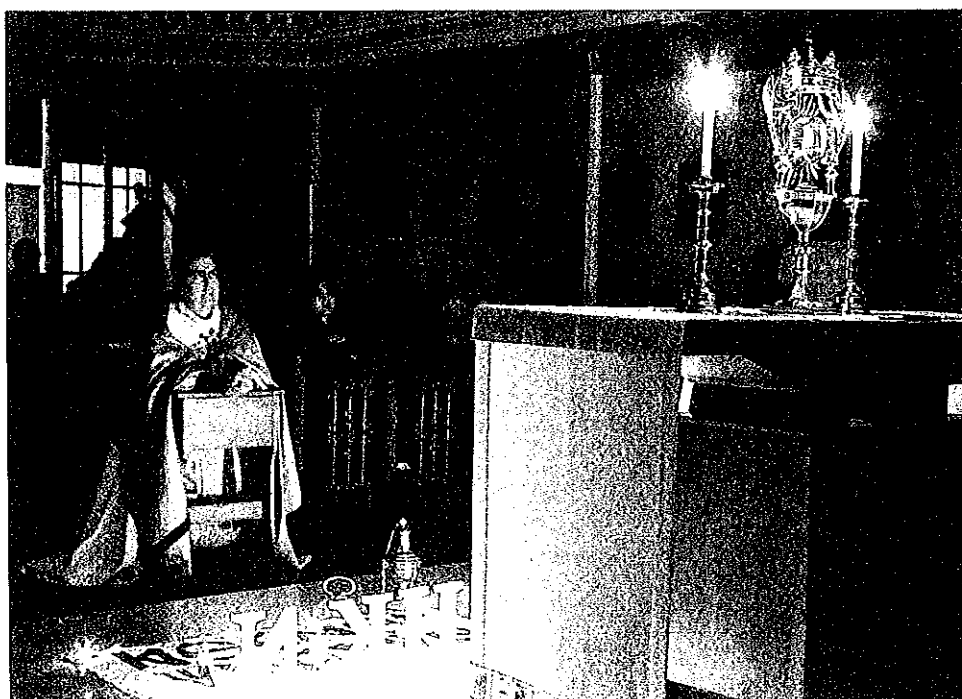
CONFESSIONS: Mondays 12-12:30pm (and on request)

HOLY HOUR: Thursdays 7-8pm (animated by HAKUNA eucharistic group)

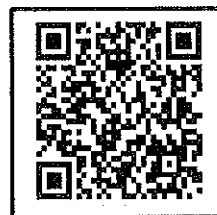
There are still two more weeks in November. We continue to pray for the Holy Souls. A **Book of Remembrance** is kept by the statue of the St Joseph, Patron Saint of a holy death. Write down on a sheet of paper the names of your beloved ones who have died, place it in an envelope with a free donation to give to Fr. Ivano or through the Presbytery letterbox.

Are you engaged? Are you serious about your relationship? Are you thinking about marriage? This Parish will run a **Marriage Course** in February - March 2024. Let Fr. Ivano know.

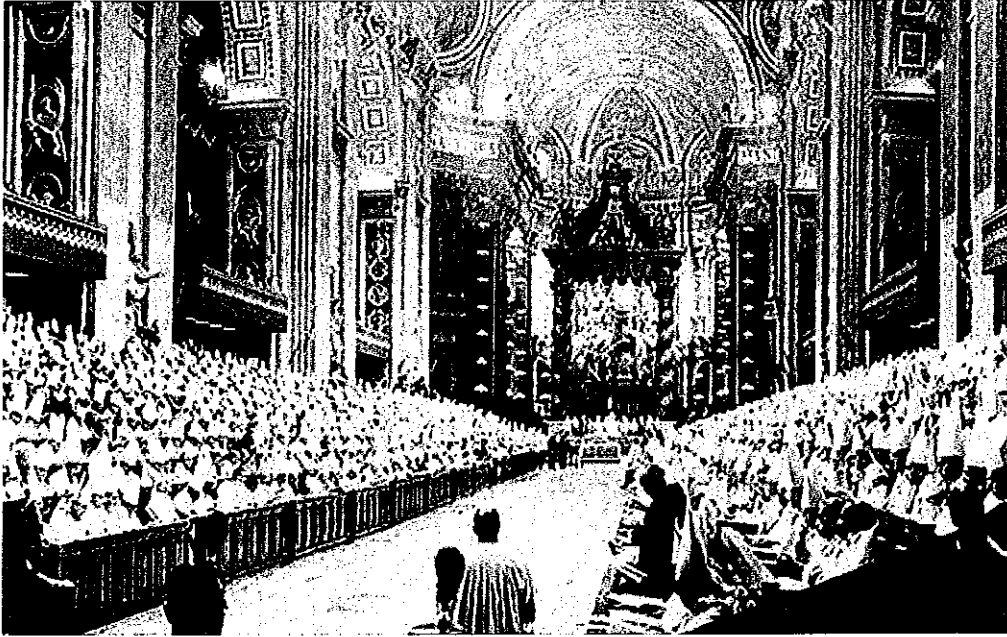
Last Thursday our Parish was honoured by the spontaneous visit of the Apostolic Nuncio Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía who spent the Holy Hour with the youth group HAKUNA.



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# Amen?



Next Wednesday, 22nd November 2023, is 60 years since the assassination of the American President John F. Kennedy in Dallas. The same day marks a very important anniversary for the Catholic Church: the approval of the first major document of the Second Vatican Council, on the Liturgy, "*Sacrosanctum Concilium*".

One of the most important contributions of this document has to do with **our participation** in the Mass, **our 'Amen'**. It encourages us to take part in the eucharistic liturgy not "as strangers or silent spectators" but as participants "in the sacred action, conscious of what we are doing, actively and devoutly".

When you come to Mass, do you bring with you 'all your life' or are you entering a 'holy' space and time separated from reality? To participate is to know that the Mass is the answer of God to our life as it is, with all its problems, ups and downs. The Eucharist needs a 'landing space' which is our real life.

When you come to Mass, is your whole body actively participating? Are your ears listening? Are your lips uttering audible words? Are your eyes open? Is your heart switched on or off? Body and soul and spirit are one, and we participate as a whole.

When you come to Mass, do you find yourself 'inside' the Readings which are proclaimed? Can you see they are not old stories but that they are about your life? Can you hear a promise for your life? Do you find hope? Can you see, when before you were blind? When you come to Mass, do you actually pray? Are you passively going through a religious rite or are you part of the dynamic action of Christ – the Paschal Mystery – whereby in the liturgy, Christ and the Church, are united in one action that moves our life, breaks our slaveries, opens Heaven, and makes us pass-over from death to new life.

When you come to Mass, do you see that life is not about yourself but it is 'missionary', with a direction, a life 'for others'?

Come to Mass... bring with yourself your 'Amen'.

*In manus.*

Father Ivano